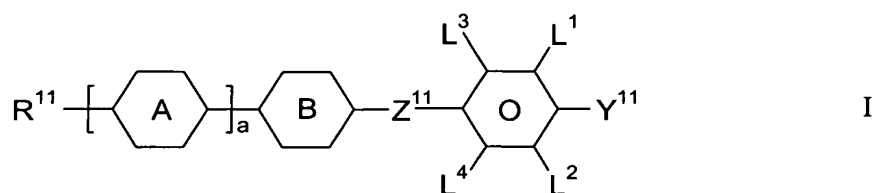


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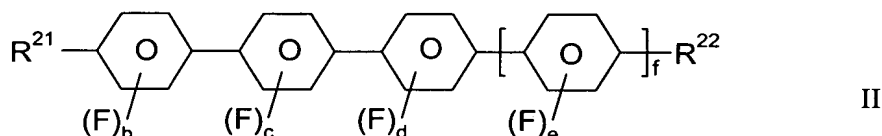
Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** Liquid-crystalline medium comprising
- at least one compound of formula I



and

- at least one compound of formula II



in which

L^1 , L^2 , L^3 and L^4 are each, independently of one another, H or F;

R^{11} is H, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each be replaced, independently of one another, by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

R^{21} and R^{22} are each, independently of one another, H, or an unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each be replaced, independently of one another, by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

Y^{11} is F, Cl, CN, SF_5 , SCN, NCS, a halogenated alkyl radical, a halogenated alkenyl radical, a halogenated alkoxy radical

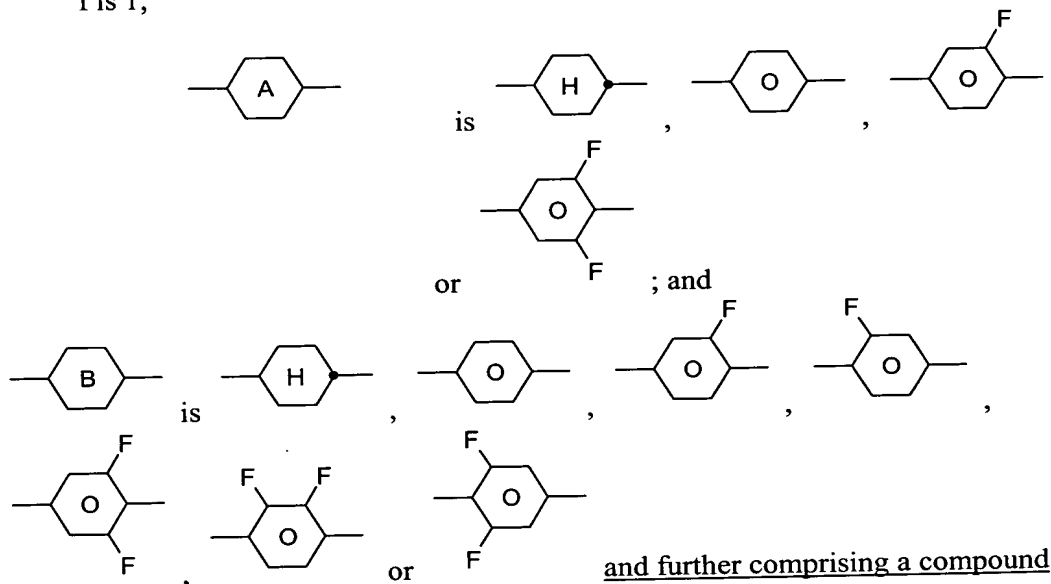
or a halogenated alkenyloxy radical, each having up to 6 carbon atoms;

Z^{11} is a single bond, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$ or $-\text{OCF}_2-$;

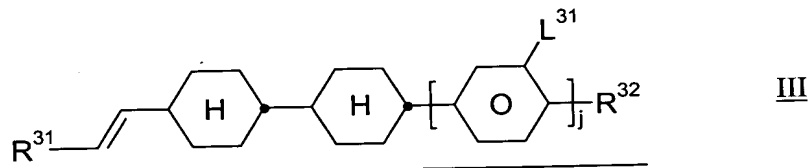
a is 0 or 1;

b, c, d and e are each, independently of one another, 0, 1 or 2;

f is 1;



of the formula III



in which

L^{31} is H or F;

R^{31} is H, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also be replaced by $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

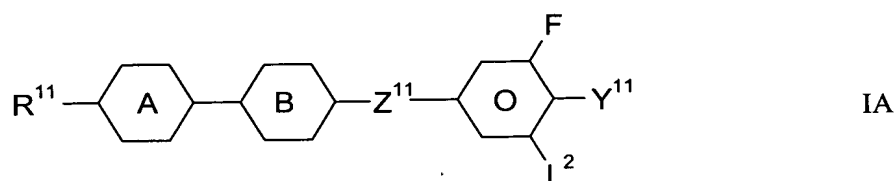
R^{32} is H, F, Cl, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also be replaced by $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$ or

-O-CO- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another; and

j is 0 or 1.

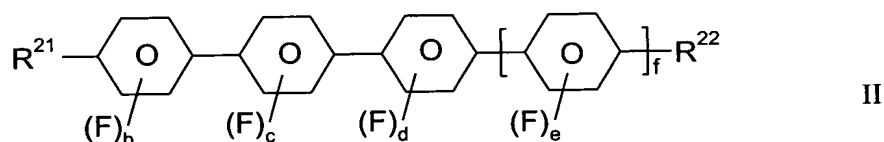
2. **(Previously Presented)** The liquid -crystalline medium according to Claim 1, comprising

- at least one compound of the formula IA



and

- at least one compound of the formula II



in which

L^2 is H or F;

R^{11} is H, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each be replaced, independently of one another, by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

R^{21} and R^{22} are each, independently of one another, H, or an unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each be replaced, independently of one another, by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

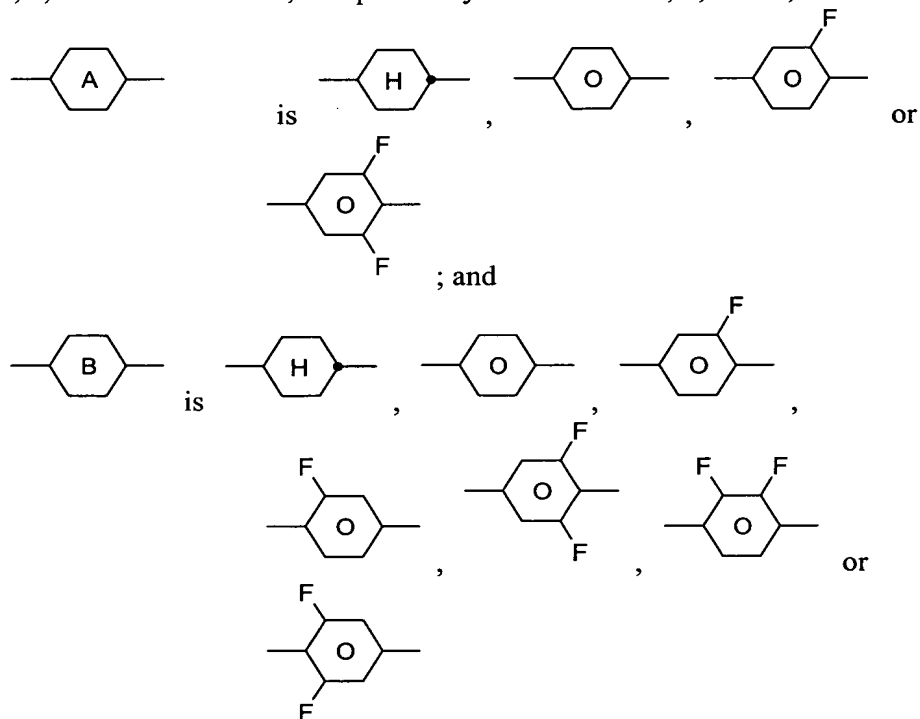
Y^{11} is F, Cl, CN, SF_5 , SCN, NCS, a halogenated alkyl radical, a

halogenated alkenyl radical, a halogenated alkoxy radical
or a halogenated alkenyloxy radical, each having up to 6
carbon atoms;

Z^{11} is a single bond, $-\text{COO}-$ or $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$;

f is 1;

b, c, d and e are each, independently of one another, 0, 1 or 2;



3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The liquid -crystalline medium according to claim 1,
wherein

R^{11} and R^{21} , independently of one another, are straight-chain alkyl having
from 1 to 7 carbon atoms; and

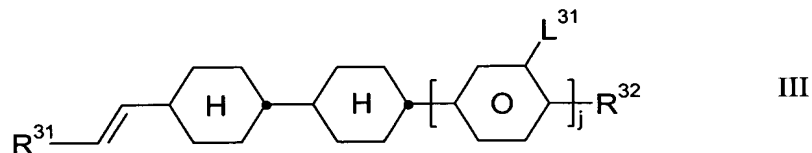
R^{22} is or straight-chain alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms.

6. (Previously Presented)
according to claim 1 wherein

The liquid -crystalline medium

Y^{11} is F, Cl, CF_3 , $OCHF_2$ or OCF_3 .

7. **(Previously Presented)** The liquid -crystalline medium according to claim 1, further comprising a compound of the formula III



in which

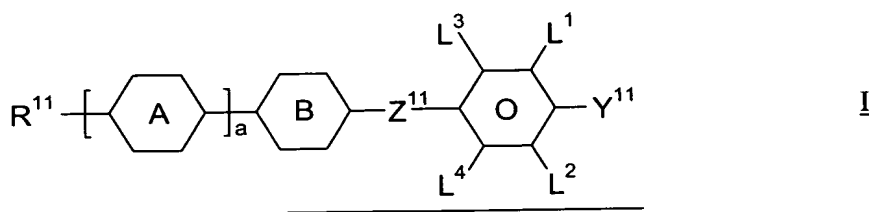
L^{31} is H or F;

R^{31} is H, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also be replaced by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

R^{32} is H, F, Cl, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also be replaced by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another; and

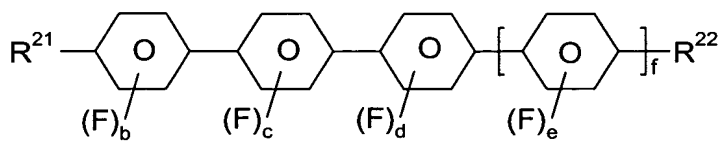
j is 0 or 1.

8. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The liquid -crystalline medium according to claim 1,~~ Liquid-crystalline medium comprising - at least one compound of formula I



and

- at least one compound of formula II



II

in which

L^1, L^2, L^3 and L^4 are each, independently of one another, H or F;

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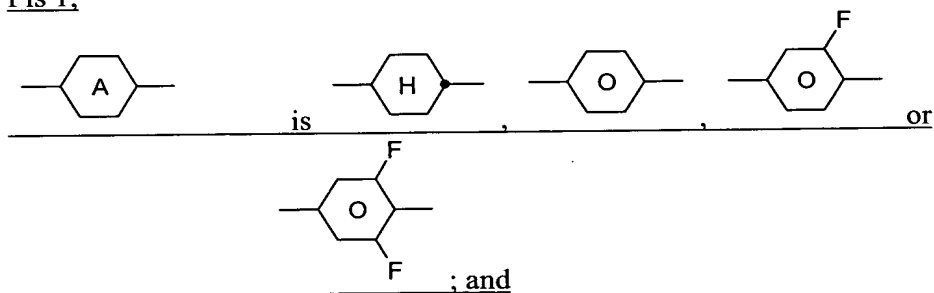
Y^{11} is F, Cl, CN, SF_5 , SCN, NCS, a halogenated alkyl radical, a halogenated alkenyl radical, a halogenated alkoxy radical or a halogenated alkenyloxy radical, each having up to 6 carbon atoms;

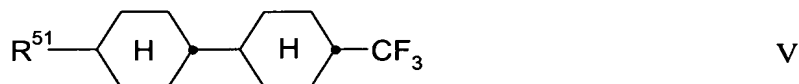
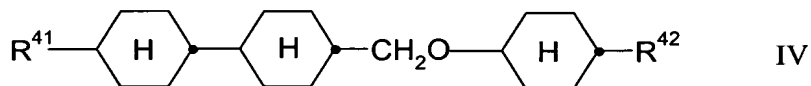
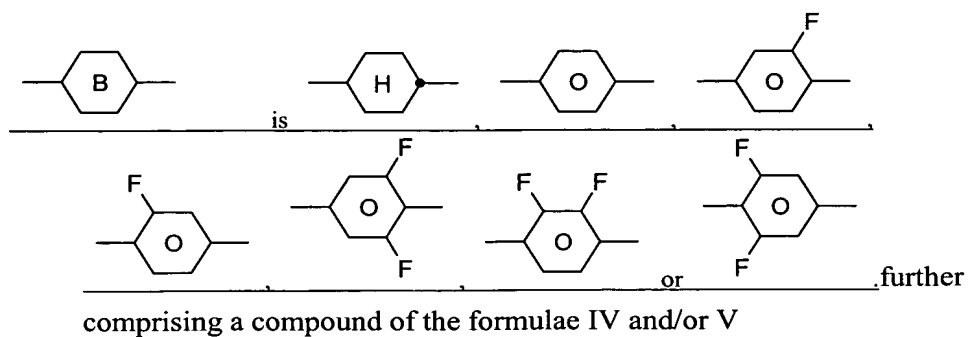
Z^{11} is a single bond, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{COO}-$, $-\text{OCO}-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$ or $-\text{OCF}_2-$;

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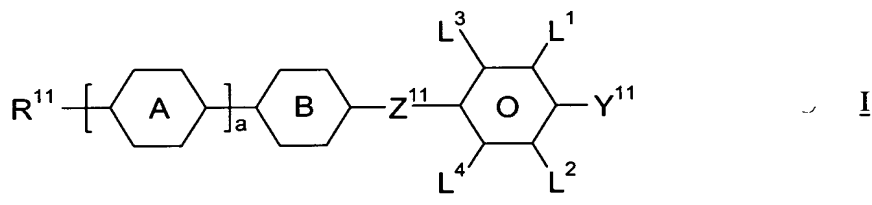




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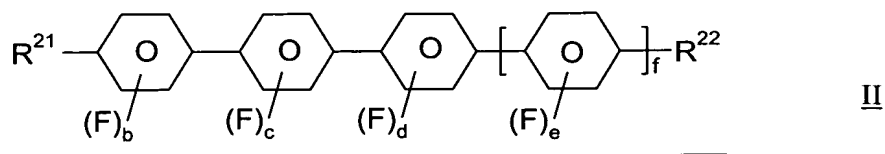
R^{41} , R^{42} and R^{51} , independently of one another, are alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

9. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1,~~
Liquid-crystalline medium comprising - at least one compound of formula I



and

- at least one compound of formula II



in which

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R^{21} and R^{22} are each, independently of one another, H, or an unsubstituted alkyl radical having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each be replaced, independently of one another, by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another;

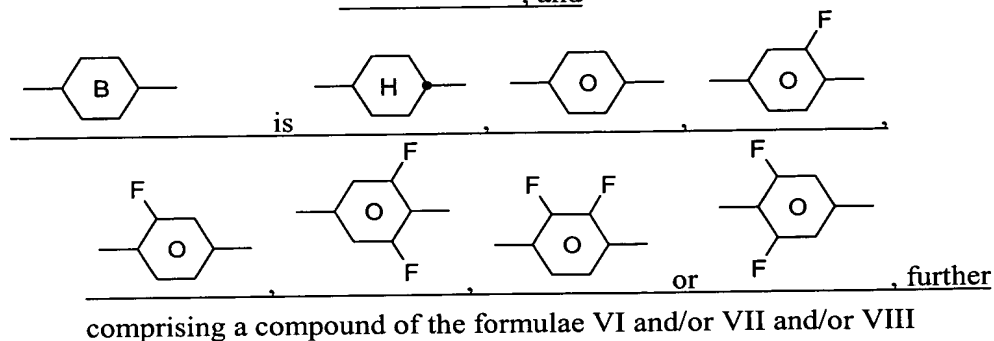
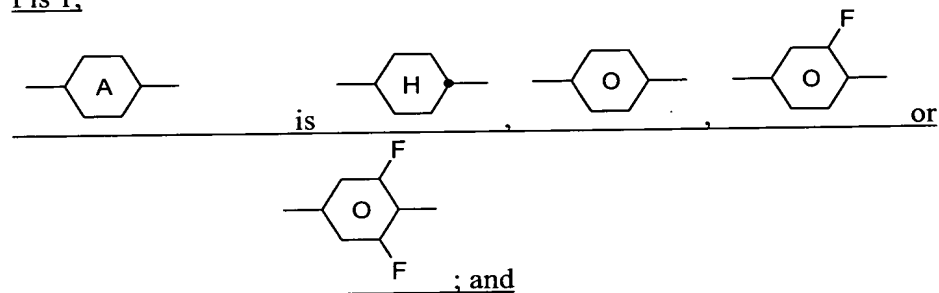
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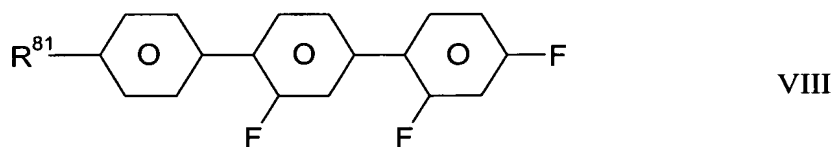
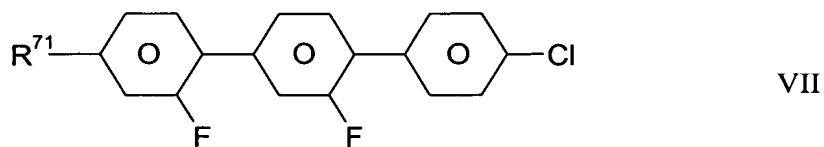
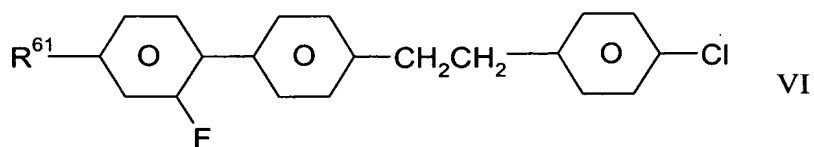
Z^{11} is a single bond, $-CH_2-CH_2-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-CH=CF-$, $-CF=CH-$, $-CF=CF-$, $-C\equiv C-$, $-COO-$, $-OCO-$, $-CF_2O-$ or $-OCF_2-$;

a is 0 or 1;

b, c, d and e are each, independently of one another, 0, 1 or 2;

f is 1;





in which

R^{61} , R^{71} and R^{81} , independently of one another, are alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The liquid -crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the compounds of the formula II in the mixture as a whole is 0.1 to 10% by weight.

11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(Previously Presented)** An electro optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of the compounds of the formula II in the mixture as a whole is 0.25 to 5% by weight.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of the compounds of the formula II in the mixture as a whole is 0.5 to 2% by weight.